

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) An operating device for a vehicle comprising:

keys,

a rotatable control wheel, the keys and the control wheel being arranged in a front section, and

a support body with a support surface for laying on a hand arranged in a rear section,

wherein the axis of rotation of the control wheel is arranged at right angles to the support surface,

wherein the keys are arranged in an operating plane that encloses an obtuse angle with the support surface, and

wherein the peripheral surface of the control wheel has a top surface and a bottom surface that are inclined to one another such that the control wheel has its greatest diameter at the line of contact of the surfaces.

12. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein, arranged to at least one of the left and the right, next to the control wheel, is at least one further key and at least one rotary regulator in an operating surface running parallel to the support surface.

13. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the support surface has a curvature adapted ergonomically to a hand surface.

14. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a large part of the control wheel is arranged below the support surface.

15. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the control wheel has a contoured peripheral surface.

16. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the bottom surface has a greater extent than the top surface, and forms an ergonomically advantageous bearing surface for fingers.

17. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the support surface is of foldable design and, in a normal position, protects, covers, or protects and covers a key pad arranged inside the support body.

18. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a key or a number of keys has or have a haptically uniquely distinguishable shape, surface, or shape and surface such that a key or a number of keys can be selected or distinguished solely by feeling.

19. (New) A center console of a vehicle comprising an operating device as claimed in claim 11.

20. (New) A vehicle seat having an arm rest with an operating device as claimed in claim 11.

21. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the keys and the rotatable control wheel are for operating at least one of vehicle functions, an audio system, a telephone, and a navigation device.

22. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the peripheral surface is a fluted peripheral surface.

23. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the support surface has a curvature adapted ergonomically to a hand surface.

24. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 12, wherein a large part of the control wheel is arranged below the support surface.

25. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 13, wherein a large part of the control wheel is arranged below the support surface.

26. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the control wheel has a contoured peripheral surface.

27. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the control wheel has a contoured peripheral surface.

28. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the control wheel has a contoured peripheral surface.

29. (New) The operating device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the bottom surface has a greater extent than the top surface, and forms an ergonomically advantageous bearing surface for fingers.